The repair of the Sarkara anicut will be carried out. But with respect to the reconstruction of a culvert there, the Chief Engineer, who has inspected the locality, states that the work is very costly. An investigation is under progress with a view to reduce the volume of the flood-discharge into the valley, and the construction of a suitable regulation bridge is under contemplation.

With regard to the bridge at Kottiyil and a culvert across the Nagarur canal, the Chief Engineer will be directed to call for an estimate.

Re. the Vellavur-Kakkampalam trace, work has already been commenced and it will be soon completed.

Re. the Kollampuzha-Kadaikkavur trace, the Chief Engineer says that the whole length does not require improvement, but only the portion of it from Kollampuzha crossing to Kadaikkavur. This portion will be taken up for the necessary repair.

Re. a hospital at Attingal, the Darbar Physician says that the statistics do not warrant a separate hospital for the place. Your suggestion *re.* the deputation of a lady doctor to Attingal is noted.

Regarding manure depôts, private agencies have only to come forward and every possible help will be then rendered.

Your request for a branch of the veterinary hospital at Pulimattu is noted for consideration.

Your representations regarding the provision of a waiting room at the Chirayinkil Railway Station and converting it into a crossing and telegraph station are also noted.

Re. the registry of lands which are the subject of *poramboke* cases, the G. O's to which you have referred will be looked into, and if they bear out your statements, the question whether the concession now given to land-holders elsewhere should not be extended to the lands on the banks of the Vamanapuram river will be considered.

As regards the registry of backwater *porambokes*, your representation is noted for consideration.

148. Some needs of the Quilon taluk.

Mr. R. Raman Pillai (Member, Quilon taluk) prayed that the following public works might be executed for the benefit of the Quilon taluk:—

(1) Conversion of the road from the Tevalli landing place to Elampallur Satrom *via* Perinad into a public road.

He said that that road was a very important one. It was largely used by school-children and others who went from Perinad to Quilon town. It was not proper for the Government to include it among ryots' roads. He learnt that the Executive Engineer, Quilon, had inspected the road and recommended the same for being taken up for maintenance. He prayed that it be maintained as a public road.

He next said that a bridge be constructed at the Tevalli landing. If that was not possible, he prayed that at least a junghar be provided at the site without delay.

He heard that attempts were being made by certain persons to get the *porambokes* on either side of the Perinad road being registered in their names, and requested Government to issue orders not to give away such lands.

(2) Metalling the cart road from Quilon to Mukattala temple *via* Pattattanam.

The Member said that that was another most important road in the Quilon taluk. Government had not yet improved the condition of the road in spite of repeated representations in the Assembly. There was already a 6 ft. trace, and it would be enough if that was widened a little. The people interested were prepared to give the necessary lands free of compensation. As there was a large amount of traffic on the road, the Member prayed that the lane might be made cartable, and provision made for the purpose in the P. W. D. Budget for 1100 M. E.

(3) Widening the road on the southern side of the Kundara Sub-Registry office leading to Kanjirakkode lake.

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The Member said that that road was in a dangerous condition. It did not exceed 6 furlongs in length. There was a big pit on the northern side about 800 ft. in depth, and the road being very narrow, carts frequently fell into that pit. He prayed that a dwarf wall be constructed on the right side of the road and that the road be widened a bit so as to prevent loss of life.

(4) Improvement of the road on the northern side of the Kundara Sub-Registry office *via* Kanjirakkode and Perayam, which joins the Kundara-Kallada road so as to convert it into a public road. The Member said that the Dewan had inspected that road. It was 1½ miles long. If certain portions were improved and the necessary culverts were constructed, the road would become cartable. The road mainly passed through the densely inhabited *pakuthies* of Kanjirakkode, Perayam and other places and should therefore be improved, made cartable and maintained as a public road at once.

(5) Opening a road to Puyappalli from the 2nd furlong, 6th mile, of the Quilon-Shencottah road.

The Member stated that the matter had been represented at several sessions of the Assembly, but the work had not yet been taken up. The people of the locality had agreed to surrender the lands required for widening the road. The cost of the work as estimated by the P. W. D. came to Rs. 59,000; but the Member thought that that was not a correct estimate of the cost. He requested the Chief Engineer to inspect the work personally.

(6) Putting up culverts and sluices on the southern and western sides of Kundaman *chira* in the Adichanallur *pakuthi* in the Quilon taluk.

The Member said that on the southern and western sides of that *chira* there were extensive paddy fields. But the *chira* was absolutely of no use to the paddy fields, as it had not been provided with sluices and culverts. All the water that flowed into the *chira* during the rain were drained away and the adjacent fields suffered from drought during dry season. The Member, therefore, requested that sluices and culverts useful for irrigation might be constructed on the southern and western sides of the *chira*.

The Member represented the need for an Ayurvedic school at Quilon and said that, even at the sacrifice of a vernacular school, his request might be granted, as the matter was so important and urgent in the interests of the people.

The Member further prayed that a Tamil school be opened at Quilon or that the first two classes in Tamil be opened in the local Vernacular High School. The people were not in a position to open a private school.

A memorial was also presented by the Member.

President's reply.—As regards the road from Tevalli landing to Elampallur satrom *via* Perinad, that road has been completed. The construction of the culverts will be looked into and provision for the same made in the next year's budget.

As regards a road from Quilon to Mukattala temple, if, as you say, the necessary *poramboke* land is also available, the work can be undertaken.

Member.—The Chief Engineer says that 22 feet would be enough for a road. My point is that, if there is any width more than 22 feet, the excess should not be assigned away.

President.—The Public Works Department will be consulted by the Land Revenue Department in the registry of *poramboke* lands.

In regard to the widening of the road on the southern side of the Kundara Sub-Registrar's office, the Chief Engineer says that a report has been called for. When the report from the Chief Engineer arrives, it will be considered by the Government.

About the road on the northern side of the Kundara Sub-Registrar's office and the Kundara-Kallada road, the Chief Engineer says that, since the report now received seems to be incorrect, the matter will be further investigated.

As regards the opening of a road to Puyapalli from the Quilon-Shencottah road, a counter petition has been received to the effect that this road is unnecessary.

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The Chief Engineer will go and inspect the locality himself before arriving at a decision either way.

In re. the putting up of culverts and sluices on the southern and western sides of Kundaman *chira* in the Adichanallur *pakuthi*, the Chief Engineer says that he will submit a detailed report after local investigation.

As regards the improvement of the waste lands near the bank of the Kallada river the matter will be looked into.

Your request to open an Ayurvedic school at Quilon will be considered. The Director of Ayurveda will be asked to report on the matter.

Member.—The train from the east does not arrive at Quilon at convenient hours.

President.—The South Indian Railway authorities will be addressed in the matter.

149. Some needs of the Kottayam taluk.

Mr. Thoma Varkki (Member, Kottayam taluk) requested that the site where the Atirampuzha market was situated might be excluded from the *kottuviruthi* system of tenure, that the market be improved, that a separate fish market be opened at Atirampuzha, that a dispensary be established at Pampadi, and that the Ettumanur English School be converted into a High School.

President's reply.—You yourself admit that the place where the Atirampuzha market is held is classed under the *kottuviruthi* tenure and that it belongs to the Ettumanur Devaswom. *Inam* pattas were issued at the settlement for that property under the *viruthi* tenure. So nothing can be done now. You instanced a case in which some other properties were acquired in lieu of *viruthi* properties and compensation awarded to the *márúns* who were holders thereof, and suggested that the same procedure might be adopted in the present case also. This suggestion is noted.

With regard to the transfer of the market, the matter is still under consideration and your representation will receive careful attention on receipt of the Peishkar's report.

In regard to the conversion of the Ettumanur English School into a High School, I may say that applications for the conversion of departmental Middle schools into High Schools have been received from other places and unless a special necessity is proved to exist in the matter, it will not be possible for the Government to grant your request. The Director says that there is a school close by at Mannanam, and that, if there are two schools at such a short distance, one of them will have to be closed. So it is not possible to comply with your request just now.

150. Facilities to be afforded to the Kammala community for higher education and entry into public service.

Mr. Nilakantan Muttanandam (Member, Nominated) expressed the gratitude of his community to His Highness the Maha Raja and the Government for nominating a member from among them to the Assembly. He also thanked the President for the agreeable and considerate way in which he heard the representations of the members and replied to them. He complained that, though his community was a numerous one consisting of 1,63,720 persons, it was not in the enjoyment of some of the ordinary rights of citizenship; on the other hand, it was subject to difficulties of various kinds. Many communities which formerly occupied a lower position than theirs had now risen above them owing to the advantages secured through representations at the Assembly. Though as artisans his community was of use to all men in all parts of the world, he complained that the Travancore Government had left them in the cold.

The Member made two requests to the Government. The first was for the grant of some educational concessions, similar to those given to other communities, till their condition improved, and the second was the need for better encouragement being shown to them by certain officers in the matter of appointments.

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